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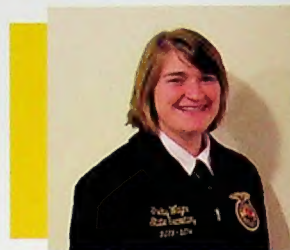
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**Anna Mink** is a member of the Aiken FFA Chapter. Anna was elected State FFA President. Outside of her FFA activities, Anna enjoys spending time with family and attending church in Salley, SC. Anna enjoys being a member of the FFA because she is able to be a small part of something that is so much bigger than herself. "You are constantly growing through this organization by meeting new people and becoming a leader that you never thought you could be". Throughout her year of service, Anna hopes that she can make half the impact on the lives of members as they have made on hers. Anna is the daughter of Dee Taylor and Stanley Mink. Her FFA Advisor is Meghan Wood.

**Shelby Wayne** is a member of the McBee FFA Chapter. Shelby was elected State FFA Secretary. Outside of the FFA, Shelby enjoys playing the snare drum in the MHS Marching Band, playing the piano, and spending time with her family and friends. She enjoys FFA because it gives her so many opportunities to meet new people and learn more about agriculture. She hopes that during her year of service as a state officer she will influence SCFFA members to take up an attitude of service to the FFA and to always work hard to reach their goals. Shelby is the daughter of Jamie and Michele Wayne. Her FFA Advisor is Pat Earle.



**Randi Sims** is a member of the Lakewood FFA Chapter. Randi was elected State FFA Vice President. Outside of the FFA, Randi is most likely playing the Xbox, hunting, fishing, or spending time with friends. She enjoys being an FFA member because she loves the opportunity it gives her to meet new people and make an impact in their lives. She wants to influence others in the SC FFA to make good decisions and achieve their highest potentials. Randi believes that the most valuable lesson she has learned is to help everyone because you never know how much of an impact you can have on just one person. Randi is the daughter of Mark and Tracy Sims. Her FFA Advisor is Jillian Lash.

**Savannah Vickery** is a member of the Pendleton FFA Chapter. Savannah was elected State FFA Vice President. Outside of FFA activities, Savannah enjoys spending time with her friends and volunteering with Mane Solutions, a therapeutic equine riding program for special needs individuals. She enjoys being a FFA member because "It has given me the opportunity to grow as an individual while also being a part of something that is far bigger than myself." She wants her lasting contribution to the SC FFA to "be a lasting influence on the organization. I want my year of service to leave the organization with a promising future, I want to make an impact on the lives of members, and I want to help other people ignite their passion for agriculture." Savannah's parents are Dennis and Lenora Vickery. Her advisor is Blake Berry.



**Cameron Padgett** is a member of the Pelion FFA Chapter. Cameron was elected State FFA Vice President. Outside of the FFA, Cameron enjoys singing, going to the movies, and cheering on the Clemson Tigers! Cameron enjoys FFA because it allows her to be an advocate for agriculture as well as a leader to all students that see the importance of agricultural Education. As her lasting contribution to the SCFFA, Cameron wants to see the members succeed in their future endeavors and build a better knowledge of agriculture as a whole. "I want our members to reach for the stars and do whatever it takes to grasp their goals!" Cameron is the daughter of Trevor and Penny Padgett. Her FFA Advisor is Frank Stover.

**Karley Young** is a member of the Clinton FFA Chapter. Karley was elected State FFA Vice President. Outside of the FFA, Karley enjoys being a dancer and competing at various dance competitions. It has been a part of her life for 13 years. Karley enjoys being in FFA because it has given her so much. It is a place where she feels she belongs. She also feels the FFA is a place where she can "have fun and just be me." Karley wants FFA members to know that being an officer is an exciting chance for her to give back. She is ready to have lots of fun this year. The one lesson she learned, and will keep forever, is when you get kicked down, get up swinging. Karley is the daughter of Robert and Karen Young. Her advisor is Annette Vaughn.





# 86th State FFA Convention

Contributing Author: Keith Cox

"Grow" was a appropriate theme for this year's convention as a record number of over 800 FFA members and guest gathered at Clemson University for the 86th State FFA Convention on June 12-14, 2013.

On Wednesday evening, the State Officers brought the first Session to order with the opening ceremony. After the posting of the colors and the National Anthem, Dean Thomas R. Scott, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences officially welcomed the FFA to Clemson University.

During the opening session, the outstanding chapters were recognized with the National Chapter and Governor's Citation presentations. Individual FFA members were recognized for receiving over \$17,000 worth of scholarships for their hard work in school and with their Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE). This was a record amount for the association. Appreciation was expressed to the SC Young Farmers and Agribusiness Association, National FFA and the SC Fertilizer and Aggrichemicals Association for their continued support of the SC FFA. The session was highlighted by the entertainment provided by hypnotist Dr. Al Snyder.

Thursday morning began with members competing in the nine State CDE events that were conducted on the Clemson University campus. Those not competing in CDE's had the opportunity to attend a workshop presented by National FFA Vice President, Wiley Bailey participate in a service project with the local Helping Hands organization.

The Second General session was held on Thursday afternoon, where a record 176 members received their State FFA Degree. The keynote speaker for the session was Coach Brooks, Assistant Head Football Coach at Clemson University. Coach Brooks is a former FFA member.

At the Third General Session held on Thursday evening, 13 members were recognized as candidates for the American FFA Degree. This is the highest degree the National FFA offers. The Honorary State FFA Degree was awarded to seventeen adults that have supported the South Carolina FFA Association. In addition, FFA members were recognized for their Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) projects during the "FFA Stars over South Carolina" presentation.

The Convention concluded on Friday morning with the fourth General Session where forty-two chapters received awards for having 75% -100+% membership. Aaron of the SC Department of Agriculture, then made a special presentation as one of the 100% membership chapters was only selected to have dinner with SC Commissioner of Agriculture, the Honorable Hugh Weathers.

The session also included the honoring of twenty members as State Proficiency Award winners. And ended with the announcement of six FFA members will serve as the 2013-14 State Officer Team. For the second time in 86 years the new state officer team is comprised of six ladies.

The 2012-13 State FFA Officer team is to be commended for their hard work during their year of service in conducting a very successful state convention.





## AgriScience Fair Division Winners



### Animal Systems

Division 4: Michelle Grant & Nikki Burden;  
Cheraw

### Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems

Division 2: Andrew Robison; Dixie

Division 3: Brittany Shook & K'Yundra Martin

Division 4: Breanna Watts & Rita Crowley;  
Cheraw

### Food Products and Processing

Division 1: Alexis Moore; Seneca

Division 2: Hannah Crowder; Cheraw

Division 3: Tamara Brown & Hannah Douglas;  
Seneca

Division 4: Danielle Short & Sabrina Teel;  
Cheraw

### Plant Systems

Division 2: Brandon Brigman; Cheraw

Division 3: Laneisha Douglas & Lindsey Griggs;  
Cheraw

Division 4: Baylen English & Grant Hall;  
Cheraw

### Power, Structural and Technical Systems

Division 2: Katie Roscoe; Cheraw

Division 4: Luke Hammonds & RJ Turner;  
Cheraw

### Social Systems

Division 1: Taylor Oden; Cheraw

Division 2: Candace Gibby; Seneca

Division 3: Christa Addis & Emmalee Rawlings;  
Seneca

Division 4: Kristina Schultz & Stephen Johnson;  
Cheraw

## State Creed Speaking



Pendleton – Melanie Mullikan  
CDE Sponsored by the SC Young  
Farmers & Agribusiness Association

## State Job Interview



Buford FFA – Benjamin Caskey

## State Extemporaneous Speaking



Lakewood – Randi Sims,  
Jillian Lash-Advisor

## State Greenhand Knowledge Bowl



Pendleton – Joey McCannon  
Antoine Hernandez, Sarah Teel, Katie  
Martin, Blake Berry –Advisor

## State Farm Business Management



Strom Thurmond – Geddings Jhant, Trent  
Miller, Scott Sherman, Allie Jhant, Jeremy  
Brooks & Darla Steele-Advisors

## State Prepared Public Speaking



McBee –  
Blair Horton,  
Pat Earle –  
Advisor

## Upper Creed



Anderson  
FFA –  
Kaylan  
Hippler

## Parliamentary Procedure



Manning – (Back) Whitney Lesaine, Sarah Darby, Jake  
Pack (Front) Tabitha Beard, Sara Culclasure, Alexis Dingle

## State Meats Evaluation



Pendleton – Cameron Fennel, Philip  
Leaf, Nathan Slaton, Adam Willey,  
Blake Berry – Advisor.

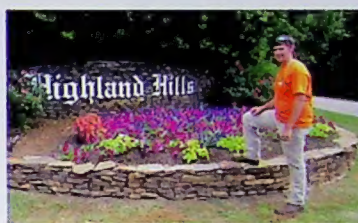


## SCFFA Star Farmer



Caroline Davis, of the Crescent FFA Chapter, 2013 SCFFA Star Farmer. Her advisors are Tim Keown and Roger Estridge.

## SCFFA Star In Agribusiness



Benjamin Holton of the Lexington Technology Center FFA, 2013 SCFFA Star in Agribusiness. His advisor is Tommy Harmon.

## SCFFA Star III Agriculture Placement



Elliot Mayer of the Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence FFA, 2013 SCFFA Star in Agriculture Placement. His advisor is Robin Lutton.

## FFA Chapters Put The "Gold" In The Blue And Gold

*Contributing Author: Keith Cox*

The National Chapter Award program recognizes FFA chapters that successfully complete an annual Program of Activities that includes a series of activities designed to encourage its members to grow as individuals, to work as part of a team, and to serve others.

Nine chapters were honored for receiving a Gold rating. Three chapters were awarded the Governor's Citation for exceptional activities in the areas of Student, Chapter, and Community development.

The citations were awarded to the Strom Thurmond Chapter in the area of Student Development, the Aiken Chapter in the area of Chapter Development and the McBee Chapter in the area of Community Development.

Mr. Wesley Harris, Secretary/Treasurer of the South Carolina Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Mr. Larry Rogers, Farm Loan Specialist - USDA Farm Service Agency and William C. Stanley, President of the South Carolina Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, presented the chapters with a check for \$1000 on behalf of SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation.

The Gold chapters honored were Abbeville High School, Seneca High School, Lakewood High School, Belton Honea Path High School, Calhoun Falls High School and Walhalla High School. The SC FFA Foundation presented funds to attend the National FFA Convention to each of the Gold Chapter recipients.



### Aiken Governor's Citation

William C. Stanley President of the SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Meghan Wood Advisor, Wesley Harris, SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Brodie Cox, Aiken FFA Secretary, and Larry Rogers, USDA-FSA

### Strom Thurmond Governor's Citation

Wesley Harris, SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Darla Steel, Advisor, William C. Stanley President of the SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Allie Jhant, Thurmond FFA President, Larry Rogers, USDA-FSA and Jeremy Brooks, Advisor.

### McBee Governor's Citation

William C. Stanley President of the SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Shelby Wayne, McBee FFA President, Wesley Harris, SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Pat Earle, Advisor and Larry Rogers, USDA-FSA.



# Record Number of National FFA Scholarships Awarded to

*Contributing Author: Keith Cox*

In 2013, the National FFA Organization offered \$2.1 million in scholarships designed to fit the diversity of its members. Scholarships are sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation and are given for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. The selection process takes into account the whole student - FFA involvement, work experience, Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), community service, leadership skills and academics. This year SC FFA members were awarded nine of these scholarships totaling \$12,000. This is the largest amount that SC FFA members have ever received from this scholarship opportunity.

Trent Rushton of the Wagener Salley Chapter was awarded the Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) Scholarship totaling \$1,000. His advisor is Allen Williams.



Rebecka Gibbons of the Crestwood Chapter was awarded the Tractor Supply - Growing Scholars Scholarship totaling \$1,000. Her advisor is Jason Gore.



Karley Young of the Clinton Chapter was awarded the Tractor Supply - Growing Scholars Scholarship totaling \$1,000. Her advisor is Annette Vaughan.



Rachel Nance of the York Chapter was awarded the CSX Scholarship totaling \$4,000. Her advisor is Jesse Miskelly.



Bradley Mitchell of the York Chapter was awarded the AGCO Dealer Scholarship totaling \$1,000. His advisor is Jesse Miskelly.

## Young Farmer Scholarship

*Contributing Author: Steve Sanderson*

The South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association offers assistance, through scholarships, to students who have chosen to attend a college or technical school in order to prepare for a career in Agriculture.

Each year, a designated number of scholarships will be reserved for those students who are currently attending or are accepted to Clemson University. Scholarships will also be available to those students who are currently attending or are accepted to a technical college or other college or university that offers a study in an agriculturally related field.



Jesse McGee of the Central Chapter will be attending Clemson University. His advisor is Tim Maye.



Corbin Yon of the Ridge Spring-Monetta Chapter will be attending Clemson University. His advisor is Michael Crim.



Trent Ruston of the Wagner-Salley Chapter will be attending Piedmont Tech. His advisor is Allen Williams.



Cody James Bryant of the Clover Chapter will be attending Spartanburg Community College. His advisor is Carrie Bolin.

## SC Fertilizer &

## Agri-chemicals Assoc. Scholarship



Joshua Michael Yeargin of the Pendleton Chapter, winner of the Hilton V. Rogers Scholarship for \$2000, with his Advisor Blake Berry.

## Individual FFA Award



Marissa Marburger from the Batesburg-Leesville Chapter, winner of the Individual FFA award with a scholarship worth \$500, with her advisor Libby Templeton.

## Miss SC FFA Scholarship



Allie Jhant of the Strom Thurmond FFA, Miss SC FFA 2013

## The Mr. FFA Scholarship



Eric Wilson of the Pendleton FFA Chapter, Mr. FFA 2013



# SCFFA Students



Robbie Guess of the Strom Thurmond Chapter was awarded the NAPA Auto Parts Scholarship for \$1,000. His advisors are Darla Steele and Jeremy Brooks.



Allie Jhant of the Strom Thurmond Chapter was awarded the Tractor Supply - Growing Scholars Scholarship for \$1,000. Her advisors are Darla Steele and Jeremy Brooks



Neal Stevens of the Belton Honea Path Chapter was awarded the Tractor Supply - Growing Scholars Scholarship for \$1,000. His advisor is Glenn Stevens.



Josh Yeargin of the Pendleton Chapter was awarded the Tractor Supply - Growing Scholars Scholarship for \$1,000. His advisors are Blake Berry and Ben Woody.

## 2013 Spring CDE Winners

### Ag Mech



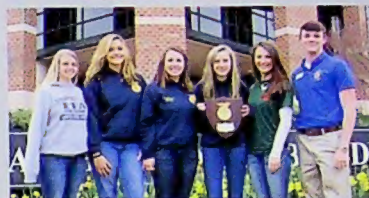
Wagener-Salley – Hunter Holland (State VP), TC Rushton, Shaina Key, Haley Williamson

### Dairy Foods

Abbeville – Katie Hall, Bethany Bonds, Fred Raines (Advisor), Savannah Rogers, Kelley Durham, Hunter Holland, State VP



### Floriculture Team



Strom Thurmond – Rachel Farmer, Brittany Hutchins, Karson Barrett, Alana Thurmond (Alt) & Tori Lazenby. Zach MacDougall (State VP)

### Nursery Landscape

Lexington Tech. – Tommy Harmon, (Advisor), Tyler Bray, Billy Caughman, Tyler Caldwell, Matt Daly



### Turf



Strom Thurmond – Robbie Guess, Chelsea Taylor, Geddings Jhant & Allie Jhant

### Forestry



Gilbert – Rodney Barnes, Caleb Taylor, William Christian Black, Courtlyn Myers, alternate Tyler Lawson, Derrick Cooper (Advisor)

### Agronomy



Pendleton – Mac Anderson, Emily Forrest, Hannah Capell, Josh Yeargin, Blake Berry (Advisor)

### Dairy



Saluda – Maria Ausburn (State VP), Chris Ward, Cierra Wertz, Ginny Miller, Ashley Owens, Zach MacDougall (State VP)

### Dairy Handler



Maria Ausburn (State VP), Randy Sandifer, Jesse Miskelly (Advisor), Zach MacDougall (State VP)

### Poultry



Pendleton – Blake Berry (Advisor), Casey Nix, Noel VanOrden, Emily Jones, Clayton

### Livestock



Crescent – Graylyn Christenbury, Jessica Mullens, (Mae Burdette, Amber Westbrook---Alt) Kelsi Jones, Heather Wood, Roger Estridge, Jr. (Advisor)



# Aim-At-Ag Sporting Clays Fundraiser

*Contributing Author: Keith Cox*



ArborOne contributed \$12,600.00 to the South Carolina FFA Association during the 86th South Carolina FFA Association State Convention. The funds were generated by the Second Annual Aim-at-Ag Sporting Clays Fundraiser.

This year's event will take place on October 26th at Black River Sporting Clays in Kingstree, SC and all FFA Chapters and supporters are invited to participate. For more information on the event, go to [www.ArborOne.com](http://www.ArborOne.com) and click on Aim-At-Ag.



## A Faith Born Not Of Words But Of Deeds

*Contributing Author: Steve Sanderson*

Plant Presentation Day is an annual project of SC Association of Agricultural Educators. For this annual service project, high school agriculture education students grow beautiful spring bedding plants as part of their hands-on-training experience. The plants are then donated to the State of South Carolina and planted on the State House grounds.

This project has allowed FFA members from across the state, with the guidance of their advisors, to truly live out the words of the FFA Creed. The FFA Creed begins with the words, "I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds". This is truly what Agriculture Educators believe and strive to instill in the minds of their students.

This year's Plant Presentation Ceremony was held on April 17, 2013 on the north side steps of the State House. Mr. Pat Black, Agriculture Educator at Branchville High School, presided over the event. The program began with the singing of the National Anthem performed by Manning FFA member Victoria Lawson.

Other program participants included Scott Sherard, Clemson Collegiate FFA Officer from Abbeville; Dylan Way, State FFA Vice President from Horry County. Trent Rushton, President of the SCFFA Association from Aiken County; and Kevin Sox, President of the South Carolina Association of Agriculture Educators and Agriculture Educator at the Center for Advanced Technical Studies in Lexington County. Mr. Aaron Wood, Assistant Commissioner for Agency Operations for the SC Department of Agriculture, also brought remarks on behalf of the department.

The plants were presented to Assistant Commissioner Wood and Dennis Haigler, Horticulturalist with the Division of General Services.





## Earle Named 2013 SCAAE Distinguished Teacher

*Contributing Author: Billy Keels*

Pat Earle, Agriculture Teacher at McBee High School, was presented the SCAAE Distinguished Teacher Award at the 2013 SCAAE Annual Awards Banquet in July.

The Award is presented by the SCAAE to recognize a teacher each year for their outstanding work in the classroom as well as with other components of the Agricultural Education program. The recipient is nominated and voted on by his / her peers.

Under Mr. Earle's leadership, the FFA program at McBee High School has proven to be one of the best in the state each year as evidenced by the numerous Governor's Citations, which is presented to the state's top chapters, that hang on the classroom wall.

Mr. Earle's teaching ability is also reflected by the fact that over half of the students at McBee High School are enrolled in his class.

Earle has been the recipient of many distinguished awards, including being named to the National Teacher Hall of Fame.



## Summer Teachers Conference Held at Clemson University

*Contributing Author: Billy Keels*

Clemson University was host to the 2013 South Carolina Agricultural Teachers Annual Summer Conference on July 24 – 25. The conference, which was housed at Clemson University, was attended by over 100 teachers from around the state.

The highlight of the conference was the Annual SCAAE Awards Banquet where the SCAAE presented awards and honored its top teachers. The banquet also featured keynote speaker Beau Williamson, a past National FFA Officer who currently is employed by Elanco Animal Health.

The conference concluded with a day of workshops held on the Clemson University campus. Teachers had an opportunity to select to attend four workshops out of a selection of twelve that ranged from online recordkeeping to school gardens.

The annual conference is made available through the support of Clemson University to provide Agricultural Teachers in South Carolina with in-service opportunities.

### Outstanding Program



Loris High School –  
Nate Bellamy

### Teacher Turn the Key



Kershaw County  
ATEC – Katie Gilson

### Outstanding Teacher



McBee High School –  
Pat Earle

### Teacher Mentor



Abbeville High  
School – Fred Raines

### Outstanding Young Teacher



Pendleton High  
School – Blake Berry

### AgriScience Teacher of the Year



Cheraw High School  
– Robert Bollier

## Dean Scott Presented John W. Parris Award

*Contributing Author: Billy Keels*

The South Carolina Association of Agricultural Educators awarded the John W. Parris Award to Dr. Tom Scott, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences at Clemson University at their state conference held in Clemson over the summer.



The John W. Parris Award is the highest award presented by the association and is presented to individuals for their active support for Agricultural Education in South Carolina.

Dr. Scott, a native of Louisiana, earned both BS and MS degrees from Louisiana State University in 1976 and 1979, respectively. He completed requirements for his PhD at the University of Georgia in 1981 and began work at Mississippi State University as a post-doctoral fellow that same year.

Dr. Scott came to Clemson in 1986 as an assistant professor in the Department of Poultry Science and named chair of the department in 1995. He soon became director of the School of Animal, Biomedical and Biological Science in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences.

Dr. Scott was named interim dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences in 2009 and appointed dean in 2011.

During his time as dean of the college, Dr. Scott has demonstrated his support of and appreciation for Agricultural Education in South Carolina. He regularly attends all FFA, Young Farmer and Agribusinesses Association and SCAAE events to represent the College and to demonstrate his support to these organizations. In 2012, Dr. Scott joined over 500,000 FFA members at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

In 1997 when the supervision of Agricultural Education was transferred from the State Department of Education to Clemson University, Dr. Scott served as School Director where he was instrumental in establishing the current structure of agricultural education.

This support has not diminished as Dr. Scott continues to demonstrate his support for both the Agricultural Education staff and faculty. Most recently he supported the program with the addition of some much needed faculty positions in Agricultural Education.

It is fair to say that Agricultural Education would not be experiencing the success it is currently enjoying without the strong leadership and support from Dr. Tom Scott.



# South Carolina Retiring Teachers – 2013

## Mr. John Herron



*Contributing Author: Steve Sanderson*

Mr. John Herron began his career in agriculture education as a student and FFA member at Crescent High School. In 1980 John was elected to serve as State FFA Sentinel. From there, Mr. Herron, was accepted into the University of Georgia where in 1985 he completed his Bachelors Degree in Agriculture Education. It was then that he came back to South Carolina to teach at Crescent High School where he was the Agriculture Instructor and FFA Advisor from 1986-1999. During his time at Crescent, Mr. Herron had the opportunity to work with numerous FFA Members and Young Farmers. He also found time during his tenure at Crescent to complete his Masters of Agriculture Education Degree from Clemson University. In 1999 John left Crescent High School to become the Agriculture Teacher at Berea High School in Greenville County. He was at Berea from 1999 until his retirement in 2013. During his 28 years of service to the profession, John was able to train students with the life skills and technical knowledge necessary in a very competitive job market.

John's loving wife Connie, has been an instrumental figure in his life and career over the years. They are blessed to have two daughters Victoria and Alicia. Victoria is a graduate of Lander University and Alicia is currently a junior at the University of South Carolina.

The impact that Mr. Herron has had on his students and the two communities that he served will be one that lasts a lifetime.

## Mr. Pat Black



*Contributing Author: Keith Cox*

Mr. Pat Black resides in Cameron, South Carolina and concluded his teaching career as the Agricultural Education instructor and FFA Advisor at Branchville High School in Orangeburg County. He is retiring this year after a forty-year career in education and public service, including 15 years at Branchville, one year with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (1973-74), 24 years at Orangeburg - Calhoun Technical College and 15 years as Vice-President for Academic and Student Affairs (1974 - 1998).

Mr. Black received a Bachelor's Degree and a Masters Degree from Clemson University in 1971 and 1973. He is a current member and Past Chairman of the Clemson University Board of Visitors, member of the Clemson Agricultural Alumni and is a recipient of the Clemson University Distinguished Service Award. He is a past President of the South Carolina Association of Agricultural Educators, recipient of the Honorary State FFA Degree as well as several teaching and other educational awards.

Pat has been married to Kathy for 42 years and has two daughters. Mary Paige Black Kowalski who lives in Leeds, Maine with her husband, who she met at Clemson, and their three year old daughter and Eleanor Black Taylor who lives in Mt. Pleasant, SC with her husband.

Mr. Black stated "I hope that throughout my career in education and all that I either did or tried to do in any endeavor, that I made a positive difference in the lives of students and taught them not only about agriculture and its vital place in our lives, but also lessons in life that would sustain them and make them productive citizens and contributing members of society".

## Mr. Reginald Greene



*Contributing Author: Keith Cox*

Mr. Reginald "Reggie" Greene's teaching career began in 1966 when he graduated with a BS from South Carolina State. He also earned additional hours from Clemson University. Mr. Greene taught three years at Florence Chapel in Wellford, one year teaching Earth Science in Florence, twenty six years at Mayewood High school in Sumter, ten years at Hartsville and Darlington Schools and seven years at Wilson High. YES – that totals 47 years! He has had a tremendous impact on the lives of thousands of people in these communities.

Highlights include being named "Teacher of Teachers", recognized for "Ideas Unlimited", named as a finalist in Sumter County's "Teacher of the Year", recognition by the Sumter Chamber of Commerce as an Outstanding teacher, being the Guest Advisor during a General Session of the South Carolina FFA convention, and named to a committee at the Leadership Center to commemorate the FFA and NFA.

Mr. Greene was married to Deborah Lunn Greene (deceased), forty-six years minus one month. They have two children, Regina Pompey a patient care advocate for health care organization and Bonita Ophelia BOWENS a college instructor. His two grandchildren Courtney and Joseph Pompey both are college students

When asked for a comment, Mr. Greene, stated – "I get a joy that cannot be measured when meeting former students who recall lessons learned in class and related how an activity impacted them or how a few words of correction became a reference point for them. There is a former student who now is a pastor recalls proudly several stories The late Frank Howard shared with him as we packed the bus at the end of a FFA Convention. Most of all, I feel truly blessed to have been associated with some of the finest people in this world, the South Carolina Teachers of Agriculture."



# SC Young Farmer-Agribusiness Tour Comes To Lee County

*Contributing Author: Steve Sanderson*

Young Farmer members from across the state flocked to Lee County for the annual SCYFAA Summer Tour, which was hosted by the Lee County Young Farmer and Agribusiness Chapter. Beth Tolson, Agricultural Education Instructor at the Lee County Career & Technology Center, coordinated the event with the assistance of Chris Bradham, Chapter President, and the Lee County Young Farmer Summer Tour Committee.

The tour began on Friday with a rotational tour of some unique agricultural and historic sites. The tour stops included the Santee Cooper Green Power Generating Station, The Pearle Fryer Topiary Gardens, City Nursery Farm, The South Carolina Cotton Museum, and a walk through Historic Downtown Bishopville. Friday concluded with dinner and program at the South Carolina Cotton Museum.

Saturday began bright and early with a rotational tour of Baker Abilene Machine, Hopkins Flying Service, Dog Island Farms and the St. Charles Gin Company. The tour concluded with an outstanding lunch at the SC Cotton Museum.





## Bollier Receives Multiple Awards for Service

Obtained from SC Department of Education press release

Robert Bollier recently received the South Carolina Association of Career & Technology Educators (SCACTE) Outstanding Teacher in Community Service at the Business & Education Summit held in Greenville, South Carolina. Bollier is the Agriculture Instructor and FFA Advisor at Cheraw High School. Bollier will represent SCACTE at the Region II Conference held in Virginia in September 2014.



Bollier gives credit for the award to his FFA members who work hard and have taken an interest in the community of Cheraw. "This award is for the students. They are the future of our community and want to make a difference in the community by giving back" stated Bollier. This award falls on the back of another award received by Bollier.

Dr. Zais presented Robert Bollier with the Charles S. Dickerson Community Service Award at the State Teacher of the Year Banquet held in Columbia in May. Bollier was selected from the eighty-four District Teachers of the Year. The award cited Bollier's work to organize students to clean and landscape a neighborhood park, to create a recycling program at the high school, and to develop a produce stand with student-grown fruits and vegetables. The award – named after the former Midlands civic leader – comes with a \$500 award to Bollier and a \$500 donation to his favorite charity, both provided by Bojangles'.

## Lindsey Arnold Named As Greenville County Emerging Teacher Of The Year

Contributing Author: Greenville County Schools INSIDER



Lindsey Arnold, agricultural science teacher at Bryson Middle School was named Secondary Level Emerging Teacher of the Year for the Greenville School District. The Emerging Teachers of the Year Program, sponsored by Greenville Federal Credit Union, recognizes second or third year teachers for outstanding performance. Each winner receives \$500, a crystal award, and \$500 for their school.

Ms. Arnold holds her Agricultural Science students to high standards for involvement, education, and lifelong learning. As the only active middle school agricultural education program in the state, her students have been introduced to FFA leadership skills, archery training, equine evaluation, tool identification, and dairy evaluations. Ms. Arnold uses a positive approach in rewarding students for doing a good job academically as well as for their many projects around the school and community. Her dedication and numerous contributions have forged strong relationships with parents as well as served to engage students in active learning.



## Barnwell FFA Members Named National Champions

Contributing Author: Mindy Sandifer, Advisor Barnwell FFA Chapter

The Barnwell County Career Center High School Bass Fishing Team placed first in the 2013 High School Fishing World Finals Championship on Lake Dardanelle in Russellville, Arkansas on July 18-20. Trevor Jeffers and Hunter Bragg were crowned champions.

The top 21 teams out of 133 teams competing were selected after two days of fishing. The grand champion two-man team was crowned on the final day of fishing with a five fish limit. Trevor and Hunter weighed in 19 pounds, 11 ounces. The second place team came in just five ounces off the lead.

The team won a \$5000 per year scholarship for four years to Bethel University in Kentucky or \$1000 for four years to a college of their choice. They also bagged a \$500 gift card to Cabela's, a 32" LCD flat screen, an iPod, and an HP Laptop.



## South Carolina FFA Well Represented at National FFA Washington Leadership Conference

By Morgan Havird, Ridge Spring-Monetta FFA Vice President

Six FFA members from South Carolina recently attended the National FFA Washington Leadership Conference. Morgan Havird and Reno Davis of the Ridge Spring - Monetta Chapter, Brandon Doolittle and Blake Spa of the Aiken High Chapter,

Darren Ashley and Caleb Brock of the Calhoun Falls High School Chapter represented the Palmetto State at this year's conference.

The students learned the importance of advocacy, and advocating for causes they are passionate about. They learned about causes worth advocating for such as hunger, poverty, natural disasters, education, and the importance of community. The students had a chance to craft their own "Living To Serve" plans which they intend to carry out in their lives and in their towns.







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